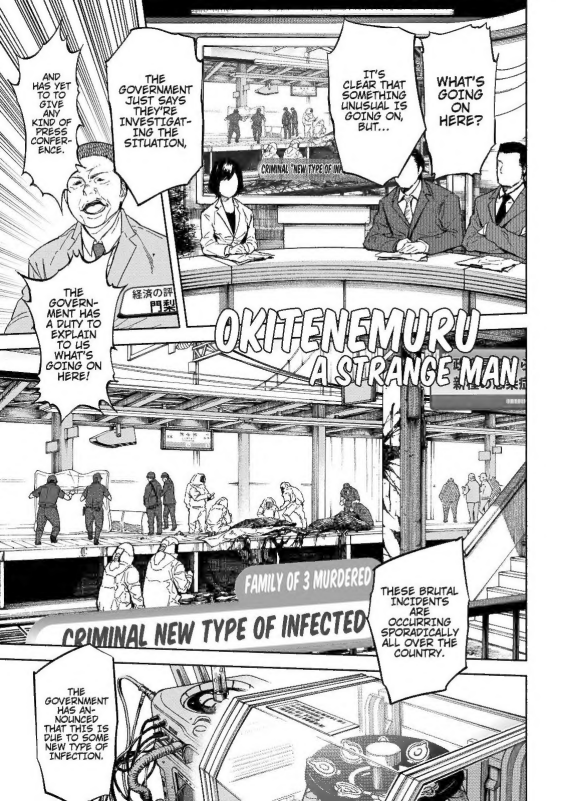

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
IT'S CLEAR THAT SOMETHING UNUSUAL IS GOING ON, BUT...
THE GOVERNMENT JUST SAYS THEY'RE INVESTIGATING THE SITUATION,
AND HAS YET TO TO GIVE ANY KIND OF PRESS CONFERENCE.
CRIMINAL NEW TYPE OF INF
OKITENEMURU
A STRANGE MAN
THE GOVERNMENT HAS A DUTY TO EXPLAIN TO US WHAT'S GOING ON HERE!
FAMILY OF 3 MURDERED
CRIMINAL NEW TYPE OF INFECTED
THESE BRUTAL INCIDENTS ARE OCCURRING SPORADICALLY ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.
THE GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THIS IS DUE TO SOME NEW TYPE OF INFECTION.

AND THE GOVERNMENT HAS SAID THAT THEY'RE UNABLE TO RULE OUT BIOTERRORISM AND ARE CONTINUING THEIR INVESTIGATIONS.
THIS TERRIFYING INFECTION IS CAUSED BY THE NEP PATHOGEN.
NEP INFECTION SPREADS
THE POLICE, SDF, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS HAVE FORMED A JOINT TASK FORCE THAT IS WORKING TO QUELL THE SPREAD OF THE INFECTION.
POLICE HQ
AND THE CASES SEEM TO BE COMING TO AN END.
THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH HAS SUCCEEDED IN DEVELOPING A CURE FOR THE NEP PATHOGEN.

DOCTOR!
ENOUGH!
GRIP
SQUEEZE
THERE'S NOTHING ELSE WE CAN DO FOR HIM!
UWAH...
SLAM
DRIP

HE'S ALREADY DEAD!
SLAM
DOCTOR!
PLEASE, STOP!

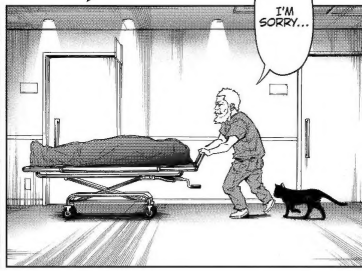
I'LL MAKE YOU ALL BETTER.
JUST HANG IN THERE...!
NOT YET...
NOT YET...

CR
ACK
SLAM

PANT
PANT
PANT
ENOUGH!
YOU'RE A SCIENTIST, AREN'T YOU?
DID YOU EVEN FORGET THAT THE DEAD CAN'T COME BACK TO LIFE?

RATTLE
RATTLE

I OVER-STEPPED MY BOUNDS.
NO...


I'M SORRY...

I HATE HOW WEAK I AM SO MUCH...

YOU KNOW, I...
CLATTER
CLATTER

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WE WERE ONLY ABLE TO DEVELOP THE CURE BECAUSE OF YOU.
YOU SAVED MANY LIVES!

BUT...
I COULDN'T SAVE WHAT WAS MOST IMPORTANT TO ME.

MY SON...
MY GRAND-SON...
THEY BOTH DIED BECAUSE OF ME.
WHAT A FOOLISH SCIENTIST I AM.

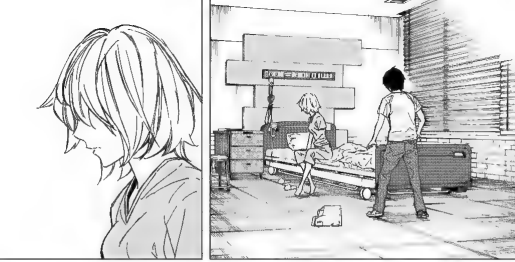
I WAS ONLY THINKING OF MYSELF, NOT YOU...
I-I'M SORRY...
?!
...
MUST'VE SUFFERED, AS WELL...
YOU...
TO BE HONEST, IT FELT SO PAINFUL I ALMOST RIPPED MYSELF APART.
BUT IT WAS MY FAULT.
I'LL HATE MYSELF UNTIL THE DAY I DIE.
I CRIED LIKE A LITTLE CHILD.
I WAS IMPRESSED THAT I STILL HAD THE CAPACITY TO CRY LIKE THAT.

WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT THAT THEY WOULD OVERLOAD AND EXPLODE...?
BUT IF YOU DON'T GIVE THE NEP ENERGY, IT CHANGES ITS OWN BODY STRUCTURES INTO ENERGY.
I'D HAVE DONE THE SAME THING YOU DID, KEEPING HIM OUT OF THE LIGHT.
BU...
THERE WAS NOTHING YOU COULD'VE DONE FOR TETSUYA.
YOU'RE TRYING TO MAKE ME FEEL BETTER, AND ALL I CAN DO IS BE AN ASS.
...
EXCEPT ME!
NO ONE COULD'VE PREDICTED THAT!
MY REAL JOB RIGHT NOW IS...
CLACK
BUT...
YOU'VE WOKEN ME UP.
WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO LOOK BACK AT THE PAST NOW.
...

THAT'S RIGHT.

WE NEED TO GET RID OF THE SINGERS, AND SOON.

?!
CREAK
キィ…
CLICK
カチッ
ブブブ
AHEM
ブー
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
JEEZ!
SQUEEZE
グイ
SQUEEZE
グイ
SQUISH
ムニュ
UWAH!
SLAM
TAP
グイ
YOU NEED TO STAY LYING DOWN!



I'M GLAD YOU'RE DOING WELL, THOUGH.
I KNOW YOU RECOVER FAST.

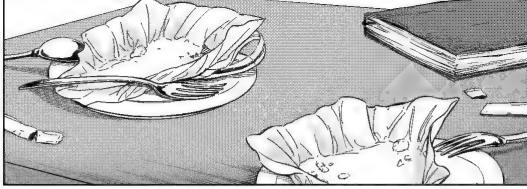
HUH?
UH, WHEW.
IT'S STILL GOOD.
IT STILL TASTES THE SAME.

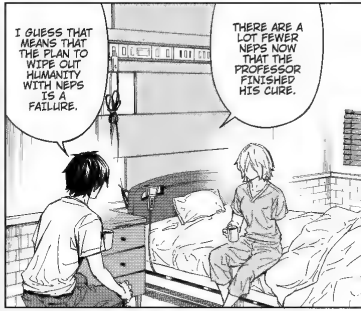
DO YOU MAYBE NOT LIKE CAKE?
WELL...
UM...

I SERIOUSLY THOUGHT YOU'D DIE.
I WAS REALLY WORRIED...

ASU... WASN'T THE GIRL I KNEW.
SHE SOLD HER SOUL TO THE SING-ERS.
AND SHE KILLED SETSU.
SETSU RISKED HER LIFE TO PROTECT US.
IT'S MY FAULT.
BUT I COULDN'T DO ANY-THING.
IT'S MY FAULT SETSU DIED.

IT'S OUR FAULT!
TAP
THAT'S NOT TRUE!
RIGHT, SHIKI?!
AND THAT'S WHY WE NEED TO STOP THEM.
KANATA...
...




I GUESS THAT MEANS THAT THE PLAN TO WIPE OUT HUMANITY WITH NEPS IS A FAILURE.
THERE ARE A LOT FEWER NEPS NOW THAT THE PROFESSOR FINISHED HIS CURE.

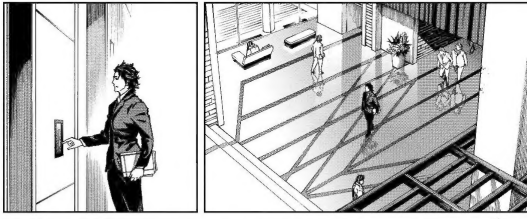
...!

BUT STILL...
THERE'S STILL SO MUCH WE DON'T UNDER-STAND...

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU READ BOOKS, SHIKI.
THAT LOOKS REALLY OLD, THOUGH...

THERE'S A PHOTO STUCK IN IT.
WHAT KIND OF PHOTO IS IT?
OH!
I'VE BEEN STUCK IN THIS HOSPITAL ROOM, SO I WANTED TO READ IT...
HUH
?!
FLIP
OH, THAT. THE DIRECTOR GAVE IT TO ME WHEN I WAS LITTLE.
HE'S SO YOUNG!
THIS IS THE DIRECTOR!
RAVEN...
A MEMBER OF EXTERNAL INFORMATION?
WHO'S THAT NEXT TO HIM?

UNLESS ANYONE ELSE HAS ANY FURTHER COMMENTS, THIS MEETING IS CONCLUDED.
GOOD LUCK, ALL OF YOU!
NEP RESPONSE HQ



BEEP
?!
TAP
TAP
THAT'S ODD... IT'S NOT RESPONDING?
VROOM

IT'S GOING AT AN INCREDIBLE SPEED...
WHAT'S GOING ON?
Error
Error
HUH?
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
WHIR
KA-THUD
KA-THUD
DASH
WHO'S THERE?!

HELLO.
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU.
I HAVE YOUR FAVORITE BLEND OF TEA.

I'M SURE YOU'LL LOVE IT.
Y-
YOU'RE ...